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STATISTICS COLLECTION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Statistics Collection Scheme has been launched for counting small scale industrial units;

(b) if so, the details of assessment made of the small scale units in 2004-05;

(c) whether an assessment of production and generation of employment in all registered/un-registered units has been made;and

(d) if so, the total number of small scale units closed in 2004-05 alongwith the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The total number of small scale industrial (SSI) units (both registered and un-registered) functioning in the country at the end of March, 2005 is provisionally estimated to be 118.59 lakh.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The information on closed units is not maintained centrally. However, as per the results of the Third All India Census of SSI units conducted with reference to year 2001-02, out of 22,62,401 SSI units registered upto 31.03.2001 in the entire country, 8,87,427 units were found closed.

The main reasons of closure were inadequacy/shortage of working capital, fall in demand, changes in technology, shortage of raw materials, marketing problems, increase in competition, management inadequacies, etc.